

## The Poet's Genealogy: A Fragment

### Ronald the Ooze:

It looks at the pea-green sky,  
tests the weird air. Not a race  
track or chiropractor anywhere.  
Let some other algae make history.

### Ronald the Fleabitten:

He is in a tree. By himself. All  
the other males have females hunting  
lice for brunch. Ronald cries and  
sucks on a banana, initiating the  
homosexual strain that apparently  
died with Ronnie the Festoon (circa  
1600).

### Ronald the Rhymer:

Pointy cap, bells, traveling  
crusader jokes, sight gags with  
a chastity belt. Nothing is too  
dumb if it gets a laugh. See  
woodcut C<sup>1</sup> of Ronald lighting  
a fart.

### Ronald the Barbarian:

Cruel laughter gives him a sore  
throat and pillage hurts his back,  
so he is always late. The other  
Goths laugh at his tiny horse and  
throw him the village librarian  
because Ronald likes to talk about  
Life.

-- Ronald Koertge

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